

9th November 2015

The Occupier

Community Consultation for a Proposed Optus Mobile Phone Facility – Curl Curl

Optus are proposing to install a new mobile phone facility within the Curl Curl area to improve Optus mobile network coverage and capacity. This is part of our plans to remove the existing Optus facility at McKillop Park Freshwater.

Why does Curl Curl need a dedicated base station?

Customer feedback and network surveys tell us that a need exists to improve Optus's mobile network coverage in the Curl Curl and to maintain services currently provided around Freshwater.

How can you help us?

By providing us with your feedback you can help us identify at which location the community would prefer we build a new facility.

We appreciate the scenic values of this area and have factored this in into our site investigations. However, the natural features of the Curl Curl area, namely the hills and trees, which can obstruct mobile phone signals, make it challenging to provide consistent network performance across the area.

For a mobile site to work efficiently it needs to be close to the customers it is servicing; high enough to clear natural surroundings such as hills, trees and buildings; and be separated from existing sites in the network.

Optus have identified two potential locations for a facility each of which meet these criteria.

These are:

A. Replacement of a floodlight pole located at Abbott Road Field No 5, North Curl Curl

B. New monopole located at Dee Why RSL Bowling Club, North Curl Curl

The location of these potential sites is shown overleaf.

Map showing location of potential Optus sites in North Curl Curl



Optus have produced the attached indicative photomontages illustrating the proposed facility at each of the two locations.

Further information and photomontages will be provided at an information kiosk to be held later in November. We welcome all members of the local community to come and discuss with us your ideas and thoughts on this proposal.

Optus will be hosting two information kiosk sessions which will be attended by representatives from Optus and Urbis (Optus' Town Planning and Property Consultants). Also present at these sessions will be an independent expert on the current Australian Standards relating to Electromagnetic Energy Emissions from mobile phone facilities.

These information sessions will be held on **Thursday 26th November from 3pm – 5pm and 6:30pm – 8:30pm at Curl Curl Sports Centre, Abbott Rd, North Curl Curl.**

Attached to this letter is a feedback form that can be submitted now (contact details are on the form) or at the information kiosk on 26th November.
The closing date for submissions is 5.00pm AEST on **Friday 4th December 2015.**

At the conclusion of this consultation period, Optus will collate the information and comments from the community and will compile the results of the consultation which will be distributed to members of the community (who has provided their feedback and contact details) and to Warringah Council. Optus will not progress either candidate until all comments/feedback have been considered and reported as described above. Should Optus decide to progress either of these candidates, it will be by way of a Development Application lodged with Warringah Council.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me directly on (02) 8233 9923.

We look forward to welcoming you at the kiosk and receiving your view.

Yours sincerely



Jon Mills
Associate Director
Urbis Pty Ltd (On behalf of Optus)

Indicative Photomontage of A. Replacement of a floodlight pole located at Abbott Road Field No 5, North Curl Curl



Indicative Photomontage of B. New monopole located at Dee Why RSL Bowling Club, North Curl Curl



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Curl Curl Area Feedback Form

If you would like to assist us in selecting a suitable location for an Optus mobile base station in North Curl Curl, please make your suggestion by placing an **X** in the relevant box below.

Please return this form by mail to Jon Mills, Urbis Pty Ltd, GPO Box 5278, Sydney, NSW 2001

or by email to: curlcurlconsultation@urbis.com.au

Closing date for submissions is 5.00pm AEST on 4 December 2015.

Can we keep you informed about our progress?

If you would like to be kept informed of the progress of the search please tick the boxes below

A - Replacement of floodlight pole located at Abbott Road Field No 5

B – New standalone monopole located at Dee Why RSL Bowling Club, North Curl Curl

Comments

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Name

Email

Postal address

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Contact number

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving your feedback or meeting you in person.